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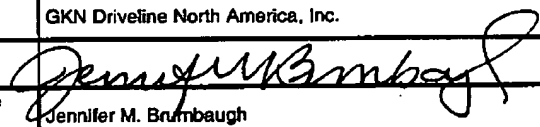
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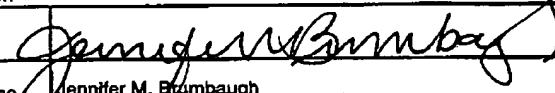
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**Pauline M. Foster-Hamilton****Customer No.: 35758****Application No.: 10/812,449****Confirmation No.: 3169****Filed: March 29, 2004****Art Unit: 3679****For: IMPROVED BOOT WITH ARTICULATING  
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**Examiner: A. M. Dunwoody****AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)****MS AF**  
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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.